



PATENT
450100-02666

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s) : Hirohito KONDO et al.

Serial No. : 09/651,201

For : INFORMATION PROCESSING DEVICE, INFORMATION PROCESSING METHOD, AND PROGRAM STORAGE MEDIUM

Filed : August 30, 2000

Examiner : Cuong T. Thai

Art Unit : 2173

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

745 Fifth Avenue
New York NY 10151

Sir: Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

No additional fee is required.
 The fee has been calculated as shown below.
 This is an application of a small entity under 37 CFR 1.9(f), and the amounts shown in parentheses apply.

Claims as Amended

| (1) | (2) Claims remaining after amendment | (3) | (4) Highest number previously paid for | (5) Present extra | (6) Rate | (7) Additional fee |
|--------------------|--|-------|---|----------------------|-------------|--------------------------|
| Total claims | 3 | Minus | = 20 | 0 × | \$18(9) | = \$0.00 |
| Independent claims | 3 | Minus | = 6 | 0 × | \$86(43) | = \$0.00 |
| | | | Total additional fee for this amendment | | | \$ 00.00 |

* If the entry in Column 2 is less than the entry in Column 4, write "0" in Column 5.
** If the highest number of total claims previously paid for is less than 20, write "20" in this space.
*** If the highest number of independent claims previously paid for is less than 3, write "3" in this space.

This application contains a multiple dependent claim. The required fee of \$290 (\$145) has been previously paid ___, or is paid herewith ___.

This response is being filed within the month following the expiration of the term originally set therefor. This is a petition to request a ___ month extension of time. A check covering the cost of the petition is enclosed.

A check in the amount of \$____ is attached, which covers the cost of additional claims ___ petition for extension of time.

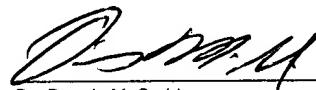
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April 30, 2004
Date of Signature



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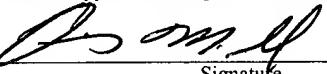
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AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 30, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows: